

# All children should have to play sport

Do you agree or disagree with this topic, or can you see both sides of the issue?  
Write to persuade a reader to agree with your own opinions.

Think about:

- what your point of view is
- how to write an introduction to clearly state what you think about the topic
- what your arguments are, with reasons or examples to explain them
- how to be persuasive
- how to write a conclusion to give a summary of your main points and a final comment on your opinion.

Remember to:

- plan your writing before you begin
- make your writing interesting to read
- write in sentences and stay on the topic
- check your spelling and punctuation
- start a new paragraph for each new idea
- check and edit your writing when you are finished.

***Look carefully at the pictures.***

***They may help you with some of your ideas.***



### Introduction

Children all over Australia are getting fatter and fatter and the way we live is making it worse. So how can we help? The best way is to get kids of all ages involved in playing sport.

### Main idea

Being active by playing sport is going to keep kids strong, fit and healthy. Growing bodies need lots of daily exercise and the best way to do this is to play sport. Scientists have shown that kids who play sport have less health problems than kids who sit at home and watch too much TV.

### Supporting reasons and evidence

There are lots of sports that kids can play such as soccer and netball in the winter, and softball and cricket in the summer. They can also play sports like gymnastics, tennis and basketball all year round. So it doesn't matter what you like or where you live, there is a sport for everyone. You won't have to complain about being bored!

Also, playing a team sport is great for kids because they get to make lots of new friends. They also learn how to work together in a team and cooperate with each other. Kids who don't play sports don't have this chance for fun and friendship, which is really sad.

### Conclusion

It is obvious that all children should have to play sport. It helps them make new friends, keep fit and healthy, and learn how to work with others. Playing a sport is fun and exciting and it is much better than being bored at home.



